

MARATHON COUNTY JUSTICE PROGRAMS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Justice Programs is to develop recommendations which will be developed by consensus of a multidisciplinary committee for a wide range of programs that address the needs of the criminal justice system within Marathon County. These recommendations will be based upon meeting the goals and objectives of the committee, striking a cost-effective, rationale balance between the need for correctional alternatives and safety of the community.

The mission will be served through the collaboration of a multi-disciplinary team meeting on a regular basis. (The “multi-disciplinary team” is the Marathon County Justice Advisory Committee).

Marathon County Justice Advisory Committee

Mort McBain: Co. Administrator, Chairman
Marv Anderson: County Supervisor
Dale Christensen: NCHCF
Tom Finley: Corporation Counsel
Larry Hagar: Citizen Member
Scott Johnson: District Court Administrator
Jeff Lewis: NCHCF
John Reed: Chief Deputy Sheriff
Tim Steller: NCHCF
Mike Williams: Sup’v. Probation & Parole
Peter Rotter, President, Crim. Def. Attorn. Assoc.

Ginger Alden: Citizen Member
Judge Brady: Chief Judge
Bob Dickman: Jail Administrator
Judge Greg Grau: Judge
Randy Hoenisch: Sheriff
Kurt Klomberg: Assistant District Attorney
Mike Moran: Public Defender’s Office
Dianne Sennholz: Clerk of Courts
Vicki Tylka: Social Services Director
Laura Yarie: Justice Alternate. Coordinator

Brief History of Marathon County’s Division of Justice Programs

- 1987 - New jail built - 143 Beds.
- 1993 - New jail filled, architect. study recommends a jail addition, to 435 beds total.
- 1993 - 435 bed plan rejected by the County Board.
- 1994 - Justice System Alternatives Coordinator hired to develop alternatives to jail
- Justice Advisory Committee changed to include all actors within the criminal justice system - 1995.
- One of the goals of the committee was to look at who was in the jail and why, in order to help us understand the overcrowding problems.
- In 1996 a plan was implemented to control the jail population. This was a

balanced approach of building and alternatives to incarceration that were both cost effective and safe for the community.

- The Northpointe re-evaluation of the Adult Community Corrections Plan began in 1999 and was completed in 2000.
- In 2000 - 110 beds were added to the jail. (253 total beds available)
- Throughout this process, alternative programs were implemented to help manage our jail as a resource. Some of these programs include:
 - OWI/OAR/OAS
 - Volunteers in Probation
 - Day Report
 - Community Service
 - Electronic Monitoring
- Since then, the Justice Advisory Committee has continued to explore alternatives as well as look at the population within the criminal justice system as a whole. The committee has agreed that it isn't just about alternatives to jail, but what services are we providing to individuals entering the justice system.

In 2006, the Committee is once again studying the jail population with the help of a consultant, Dennis Kimme and Associates. The Committee is exploring ways to avoid another jail addition project, by the use of more effective alternatives to jail.